Who is Jesus to you?

Intro:
- illus.: Fox News, The Da Vinci Code, “Who is Jesus exactly?”
- this lesson: Who is Jesus to you (Christian)?

Jesus is your God.
- Jn. 1:1-4, 14 eternal, God, Creator of all, life, Light, flesh
- Col. 2:9 Deity (Godhead) bodily, made complete in Him, head over all rule and authority
- reason for the Father’s deign of the universe and our salvation for, through and in Christ
- Col. 1:15-18 Jesus has first place (preeminence), above all others
- What do we owe Jesus? — everything — withhold nothing

Jesus is your Lord, Master, and King.
- Jude 1:4 Jesus is our Lord and Master
- application:
  - Matt. 10:24-25 slave is like his master — we must be like Jesus, expect the same treatment as Jesus
  - Matt. 24:45-50 be ready for master to return — be ready, every day
  - Matt. 25 tell stories: parable of the virgins, talents — be working / judgment
- King of kings and Lord of lords
  - Lk. 19:38 triumphant entry, Jesus is King - if these not proclaim Jesus’ glory, stones cried out
  - Rev. 19:13-16 dipped in blood, Word of God, rule nations, tread wine press, King of k & Lord of l
- Christians, members of Jesus’ kingdom
  - Col. 1:12-14 God qualify us, transfer into Jesus’ kingdom, redemption and forgiveness
  - Matt. 22:1-14 vs. 1-8 must pay attention / vs. 9-14 must be properly clothed (Rev. 7:14)

Jesus is your Savior. — life preserver, grab hold of, don’t let go, live or die
- “Savior” means deliverer, preserver (Vine’s)
- Eph. 5:23 Savior of the body, which is the church (Eph. 1:22-23)
  - deliver from sin (Lk. 19:10) and death (2 Tim. 1:10)
  - Lk. 19:10; 2 Tim. 1:10
  - preserve us while upon the earth, till we live in heaven for eternity
- illus.: 13-year-old Freezes on National Anthem — all need Savior
- illus.: Soul, A Savior Thou Art Needing — review verses then chorus

end part one
Intro. Part II

Jesus is your Mediator and Advocate.
- definitions (Vine’s):
  - “Mediator” is a go-between in one sense, and is One who secures something that could not be secured otherwise
    - Jesus is our go-between who brings us into a peaceful relationship with God - reconcile (1 Tim. 2:5)
    - Jesus secured the new covenant with His blood, so that we could be saved (Heb. 9:15)
  - 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 9:15 go-between / secured new covenant

  - “Advocate” used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, an advocate; then, generally, one who pleads another’s cause (1 Jn. 2:1)
  - 1 Jn. 2:1 pleading our case for forgiveness

  - Could we have a relationship with God, if it weren’t for Jesus? — enemies with God (Ja. 4:4)
    - without Jesus: utter damnation, to hope, life worthless, no good in anything

- illus.: Queen Esther, ricked her life and went to King Ahasuerus, Mediated and Advocated for Israel, wrote a law in the name of the king that allowed Israel to defend themselves, Israel not annihilated
  - Es. 4:10-17

Jesus is your friend.
- Jn. 15:12-13 Jesus loves us, friend, gave life
  - illus.: Pat Tillman Sacrificed His Life Serving His Country — Jesus sacrificed life in heaven, cross
  - Jn. 15:14 we are Jesus’ friends by obeying His commands
  - application: Jesus gave His life for us. we must give our lives for Him
    - Lk. 9:23-25 lose life to save it — counter intuitive - totally commit the physical to gain the spiritual
  - Are you Jesus’ friend? - review chorus, I’ll Be A Friend To Jesus, commitment

Jesus is your brother. — adopted, son of God, Jesus’ brother, joint heir with Christ
- Heb. 2:11-12, 17 one who sanctifies and one sanctified from one Father, congregation, made like brethren, merciful and faithful high priest, propitiation for sins
- Rom. 8:14-17 live by the Spirit, spirit of adoption, sons, Abba Father, heirs, fellow heir (joint) with Christ
  - adopted in Christ
    - Eph. 1:3-6 adopted in Christ
    - Gal. 3:26-27 - 4:5-7 adopted when baptized into Christ — Jesus is our brother, united with Him (Rom. 6:5)

Jesus is your all-in-all, your everything.
- Rev. 22:13-17 Jesus is your all-in-all (vs. 13), what Jesus does for us (vs. 14-17) - blessed
  - illus.: songs
    - My All In All
    - Jesus Is All The World To Me — He is my all-in-all
    - Blessed Are They Who Do His Commandments
    - Are You Coming To Jesus Tonight?

Summary / Inv.
- What is Jesus to you?
  - Inv.:
    - Come to Jesus - all-in-all